

# The Social World

.....for and About Women

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ASSUMING OFFICIAL DUTIES . . . were these members of the Torrance Garden Club who were installed at a luncheon meeting in the private dining room at the Fish Shanty. From the left, seated, Mrs. Victor Benstead, president; Mrs. Thomas McCutcheon, recording secretary. Standing, from left, Mrs. W. B. Hlocox, first hostess; Mrs. P. H. Lisman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. P. Montague, publicity chairman, and Mrs. Minot Rugg, vice-president. The club, with a membership of 15, was organized in Torrance in 1945.

## Marquettes Install New Officers

Linda Halbert was installed as president of the Marquettes at a ceremony held at the YWCA. Installed to serve with her during the coming year were Darlene Wolverton, Judy Cook, second vice-president; Chickie Davenport, treasurer; Sharon Stewart, secretary; Roseanne Hamilton, chaplain; and Mrs. J. R. Mott, advisors.

This panel of officers succeeds: Marilyn Sanders, president; Alex Merola, vice-president; Linda Halbert, second vice-president; Jerry Rusk, treasurer; Jo Ann Davis, secretary; and Anne Bayliss, chaplain.

A potluck supper preceded the installation ceremony, with dessert and punch were served after the service. Joan Jernigan gave a narration and a recognition was held for Toni Forella, Johanne Parker, and Betty Nicholas.

## WHITE CHRISTMAS BALL ON DEC. 10

North Torrance branch of Fuchsia club of California has set Dec. 10 as the date for its annual White Christmas Ball. The affair will be held at the Western Ave., Golf clubhouse. Final details for the event are being worked out by members of the executive board.

## EASTERN STAR MEETS TONIGHT

Torrance Chapter 380, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its regular stated meeting tonight in the Masonic Temple, 1821 1/2 Sartori Ave., Worthy Patron Vincent Viellenave will call the meeting to order at 8 o'clock and Worthy Matron Florence Viellenave will preside. Mrs. Margaret Clark is chairman for the social hour which follows. An invitation is extended to all members of the chapter and visiting members of the Order to attend.

## IN SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tweedy, of 1825 Arlington Ave., will return this week from a week's vacation with friends and relatives in San Francisco.

## HOUSE GUEST

George Broedel of Chicago has arrived for an indefinite visit with his sisters-in-law, Mrs. Tom Fraugher and Miss Ida Johnson at 1818 Portola Ave.

## Mr., Mrs. B. T. Whitney Home From Exciting European Tour

Filled with memories of delightful experiences in continental Europe and in Great Britain where they had spent the past two months, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Whitney, 1004 Acacia Ave., returned home to Torrance Monday of last week.

Their trip began with a thrill. On board a Scandinavian airliner the couple left New York, and riding the tail end of a hurricane, made a record non-stop flight to Prestwick Isle, Scotland in 9 hours and 15 minutes.

From there they flew to London where they began their tour of historic places including Westminster Abbey and British Museum and drove through the English countryside to Gloucester, Epsworth, Windsor Castle and other places of interest.

Taking the plane again they flew to Amsterdam, Holland, where they took delivery on a Hilman-Minx car and began their continental tour. The travelers were in The Hague on Sept. 21 and were present when the Queen opened parliament. Another highlight was their visit to the island of Marken where all the inhabitants still wear native costumes.

One of the most interesting phases of the entire trip occurred in Amsterdam where Mr. and Mrs. Whitney met a young couple who had been anxious to come to the United States. The Whitneys signed papers to sponsor the physician's son and his wife and they are due to arrive in Torrance around the first of the year.

Next on the itinerary was a tour of Germany with stops in Köln and Frankfurt then on to Liege and Brussels in Belgium.

Paris was the next stop where they attended the Follies Bergere and visited many famous restaurants and historic places.

After Paris they went to Switzerland spending their first night at Bern, the capital. They made the famous Jungfrau excursion, a train trip up the side of a mountain and through a 14 mile tunnel. Emerging from the tunnel, the travelers found that they were at a 12,000 ft. elevation and were surrounded by glaciers and snow. After the thrills of Switzerland, the travelers turned south into Italy visiting Milan, Florence and Rome where they visited Vatican City and St. Peter's, DeVinco's Last Supper and in the other cities they visited Pompeii and the Isle of Capri.

To conclude their trip, they took a plane to Madrid, Spain, where they attended a bull fight, visited Toledo, famous for its jewelry, and on to Lisbon from where they flew to New York, and then on to Torrance.

## Flower Ceremony Marks Garden Club Installation

In an impressive flower ceremony, the Torrance Garden Club installed its new officers Wednesday at a luncheon meeting in the private dining room of the Fish Shanty. Officiating at the meeting was Mrs. Wilfred J. Stephens, past president.

Mrs. Victor Benstead assumed the presidency for her second term. Installed to serve with her were: Mrs. Minot Rugg, vice president; Mrs. Thomas McCutcheon, secretary; Mrs. P. H. Lisman, recording secretary; Mrs. M. Shanshan, treasurer; and Mrs. J. P. Montague, publicity chairman.

The luncheon table was centered with a large pumpkin encircled with leaves in the autumn shades and fall flowers. At either side of the centerpiece stood tall orange-colored candles.

After the luncheon, the group toured the begonia gardens adjacent to the Fish Shanty.

New members accepted at the installation meeting were Mrs. John Thuse, Mrs. Dean Sears and Mrs. O. Lemey.

## VISITS PARENTS

Kelvin Figgin, on leave from his basic Army training, has spent the past two weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Figgin, who have just moved to 1313 Beech Ave. from 1832 Juniper Ave.



DINNER AT ALFREDO'S . . . was an experience for Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Whitney, who recently returned from a two-month tour of Europe. Alfredo's, in Rome, Italy, is famous as the gathering place for celebrities from all over the world. The walls of the restaurant are lined with pictures of famous personalities who have visited there. It was here that Mrs. Whitney used the gold fork and spoon presented to Alfredo by Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks in 1927, while she and Mr. Whitney enjoyed Alfredo's world-famous "Fettucini."



MR. AND MRS. JOHN ELY . . . after the ceremony.

## Ramona Johnson-John Ely Exchange Marriage Vows

Nativity Catholic Church was the setting Oct. 16 when Miss Ramona Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Gladys Cross, 2075 Torrance Blvd., became the bride of John Ely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ely, 1131 W. 35th St. Los Angeles. The Rev. Father McGuinness officiated.

The bride who came to the altar with her uncle, Fred Bays, chose a wedding gown of white lace and net fashioned with a fitted white lace bodice and a bouffant white net skirt. She wore a fingertip veil and carried a bouquet of white gladioli encircling two white orchids.

Mrs. Audrey Wood was matron. The new Mrs. Ely was graduate of honor wearing a blue laced gown and carrying a nosegay of yellow carnations. Miss Jacqueline Kehoe in a gown of yellow lace and carrying blue carnations. Gene Metz served as best man and guests were seated by How-employment in Los Angeles.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the church hall. For home in Torrance.



BETROTHAL TOLD . . . Miss Josephine Moeller, whose engagement to Jimmie Dee Haskell has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moeller, 1666 W. 220th St. Torrance. The benedict-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fallon of Los Angeles. A May wedding is being planned.

## Baby Shower

Mrs. William Leetz entertained recently at her home at 1662 W. 208rd St., with a baby shower for Mrs. Ray Maddock.

The guest list included Misses Ralph Standridge, Tom Glatris, Hilton Nelson, Harvey Rushfeldt, Bob LeBlanc, William Dominguez, and Misses Marilyn Mook, Mary Hernan, and Marilyn Bear.

Prizes for games were won by Mrs. Harvey Rushfeldt, Mrs. Hilton Nelson, and Marilyn Mook.

Following the opening of gifts refreshments were served, which included a large decorated cake.

## Col. Keefer Spends Week with Parents

Col. William Keefer, who is stationed at March Field, at the 16th District Air Force headquarters, spent a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Keefer, 2259 Torrance Blvd. Mr. Keefer Sr., who had been hospitalized, has now returned to his home where he is recuperating.

## ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz, of 1304 Cota Ave., are entertaining as their houseguests Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gwynn of Indianapolis. The foursome spent last weekend at Palm Springs.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN KENNETH SPAAN . . . at the reception.

## Spaan-Elliott Nuptials Solemnized at Inglewood

In a candlelight ceremony in the Inglewood Presbyterian church John Kenneth Spaan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spann, 25939 Lucille Ave., Lomita claimed as his bride, Miss Margaret Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elliott of Los Angeles. The Rev. Murry Jones officiated.

Mr. Elliott escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. She wore a white nylon tulle gown fashioned with a fitted bodice with which she wore a lace jacket. The bouffant tulle skirt fell over satin. A jeweled crown held the short wedding veil and she carried a colonial bouquet of white gladioli encircling a white orchid.

Miss Sally Halling of Harbor City was maid of honor wearing pale blue net and carrying a colonial bouquet of pink gladioli. Bridesmaids were Miss Sharon McGree of Long Beach wearing pale green, Miss Barbara Johnson of San Pedro in orchid and Miss Judy Elliott, sister of the bride, in pink taffeta. Miss McGree and Miss Johnson carried nosegays of yellow gladioli, and Miss Elliott, junior bridesmaid carried a colonial bouquet of pink gladioli.

Richard Spaan, Jr. served as his brother's best man. The 250 wedding guests were seated by Mickey Scooter of Long Beach and Bill Boyes of Torrance.

Before the service, Bill Hall, cousin of the bride, sang "Give Me Your Hand," "Ave Maria" and "The Lord's Prayer." Candles were lighted by Patricia Weaver and Rae McCluskey of San Pedro.

The church social hall was the scene of a reception where the newlyweds received with their parents, Mrs. Elliott wearing navy blue taffeta with light blue accessories and Mrs. Spaan in light blue lace with black accessories.

A reception followed at the home for the immediate families before the couple left for their honeymoon at Palm Springs. Upon their return they will be at a chemical plant in Gardena.

## Engagement Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Winther, 3880 W. 182nd St., are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Robert Shanklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Shanklin, also of 182nd St.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Both the bride-elect and the bridegroom-to-be are graduates of the Torrance High School. Miss Winther attended El Camino college and is now employed at the Bank of America.

Mr. Shanklin is employed by a chemical plant in Gardena.

## Julie Bernath-Robert Coyle Wed in Beautiful Home Rites

Before the fireplace banked with pink and white chrysanthemums and tall white candles, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Coyle, 110 Calle de Andalucia, their son, Robert Lee Coyle claimed as his bride, Miss Julie Bernath, daughter of Mrs. Harriett Bernath, 312 Calle de Andalucia, The Rev. Paul Cox of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, officiated at the vow exchange.

For her wedding the bride was lovely in a gown of white tulle. Her bridal veil of illusion fell from a crown of pearls and she carried a cascade bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She was escorted to the place of ceremony and given in marriage by her uncle, Charles Campbell.

Mrs. Charles Bowman, twin sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. She wore pink tulle and carried pink carnations. The bridegroom chose his father as best man.

After the wedding, the 50 guests were entertained at a reception. The bride's table was decorated in all-white and centered with a huge white wedding cake.

Among the wedding guests were the bride's grandmother, Mrs. May Campbell of Westchester, her brother-in-law, Charles Bowman, of Torrance; a d her brothers and sister, Harrison, Richard, Robert and Joy. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. William Steiner, the bride's sister and her husband, of Inglewood.

The bridegroom's sister and brother, Linda Lee and James Lee Coyle were among the guests.

The couple is now at home at 360 Palms Verdes Blvd., Hollywood Rivera.